Legitimation Code Theory

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Legitimation Code Theory (LCT) is at the cutting-edge of SFL and widely used as a complementary framework by a growing number of systemic functional linguists, including such renowned scholars as J.R. Martin and a new generation of interdisciplinary scholars. LCT and SFL are often used together to research and shape education, by exploring knowledge practices alongside linguistic practices. This cross-disciplinary collaboration is leading to advances in SFL theory (including new conceptions of field and mode) and in teaching, including the widely adopted notion of 'semantic waves.' This workshop will introduce key ideas of LCT and show how they can be used productively with SFL. In particular, participants will learn about the widely-used dimensions of Semantics and Specialization and the new dimension of Autonomy. The workshop will demonstrate how these sets of concepts can be used to reveal new insights into a range of phenomena. Participants will also learn how LCT concepts can be used in conjunction with SFL. Each day will combine a lecture explaining key ideas and a workshop for learning how to use those ideas practice. The two-day course will equip participants with some of the most innovative tools for cross-disciplinary research and teaching in the field of educational linguistics available.